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Space fails me to refer to the other
to whom incidental references are
made, such as the Knythites, the Nak-
him, the Geyon. The Bible gives a
story only of a particular line of the
clanites. Hence allusions to all others
are merely incidental and undersigned. But
undersigned coincidences are most com-
mon. —Rev. F. P. Duff, M. D.
Secretary American Church Bible In-
stitute.
(Globe Democrat April 12th. 1903.)

The above was sent us by friend
of friends of Houston to whom we
give our many thanks. The time
will soon be that this glorious
gospel will reach from sea to sea,
and from shore to shore.
To Be Continued.

STRAY NOTICE:

Strayed from my place April 1903.
Two Red Steers, marked with swallow
fork in right ear, and split in left ear.
Each Steer had horns. Any informa-
tion greatly received by the owner.
Thomas Dunsmore,
Alice, Mo.
—All such notices are free.

FOR SALE.

Any one wishing to buy anyone
of the following named Medicines
call on Mr. Linthicum who will
sell to you:

Japanese oil 50 cts. a bottle.
Specific pill for Malaria, 25 cts.
Cascara pills 25 cts.
Sister Teresa's Laxative Tea, 25
Herberts Pulmonic Cough Rem-
edy 50 cts. per bottle.

ROCKY BRANCH ITEMS.

"LITTLE TOPSEY."

Wheat cutting seems to be the
order of the day.

Frank Bishop and Tom Pipkin
left Friday for Gas Kansas luck to
you boys and more "Gas."

Say "Jolley Rover" what has
become of you guess you have got
the mumps, ha, ha.

Tell Tom he will have too sight
as Missourians before we will be-
lieve he got robbed. "See".

Say, you people that went fish-
ing Saturday how did you enjoy
your selves? I'll bet you had a
fine time "More dough please".

Fred Abels is visiting home
folks at present also some of his
friends.

Say "Silly boy" are you still
herding that fellows 300 steers?
Better stay with them for you
may never see any more.

Miss Ollie Bishop visited home
folks Sunday.

We see L. B. riding around on
his mule most every Sunday. Reck-
on where does he go.

H. H. filled his regular appoint-
ment at Mr. Green Flowers Sun-
day eve.

Say T. F. Whats the attraction
at Bodines? guess the old man has
not come home yet. Better watch
out he is apt to get back anytime.

Well I guess I had better ring
off for this week will try and do
better next time.

FREE MASONRY



ODDFELLOWSHIP

Continued from last week.

As we have often stated here-
to fore, the antiquity of Masonry
to the many are as the unknown,
as the dark recesses of an unex-
plored continent. But to us it
is as the noon day sun by the
light that shines from the sac-
red pages of Holy Writ—For
when we read the following, we
will be insured of the first Mas-
ter Builder who is God—So
please read:

"And he fenced it, and gathered out
the stones thereof, and planted it with
the choicest vine, and built a tower in
the midst of it, and also made a wine-
press therein; and he looked that it
should bring forth grapes, and it brought
forth wild grapes." (Isaiah 5-2.)

In this you cannot help but
see the first Master Builder God
Himself handled the first stone—
Built the first tower, and gave
to the man Adam the charge to
dress it and keep it—That is the
vineyard which God had planted
and built the tower in. And it
is only from the loss of knowl-
edge, of sacred truths of the
Bible that cause, so much diver-
sity of opinions, on its anti-
quity.

But for the real satisfaction of
all the readers of the CRESSER
we shall give the positive proof
of our assertions of the aborig-
in of the Fraternal Brother-
hood, as we get it from one of
the Master Masons, and you will
find it to read like this:

"AND Joshua gathered all the tribes
of Israel to Shechem, and called for the
elders of Israel, and for their heads, and
for their judges, and for their officers
and they presented themselves before
God.

And Joshua said unto all the people,
Thus saith the Lord God of Israel, Your
fathers dwelt on the other side of the
flood in old time, even Terah, the father
of Abraham, and the father of Nachor;
and they served other gods.

And I took your father Abraham from
the other side of the flood, and led him
throughout all the land of Canaan, and
multiplied his seed, and gave him Isaac.

And I gave unto Isaac Jacob and
Esau; and I gave unto Esau mount Seir,
to possess it; but Jacob and his children
went down into Egypt.

I sent Moses also and Aaron, and I
plagued Egypt according to that which
I did among them; and afterward I
brought you out.

And I brought your fathers out of
Egypt; and ye came unto the sea, and
the Egyptians pursued after your fath-
ers with chariots and horsemen unto
the Red sea." (Joshua 24-1-6)

This scripture takes Masonry
and scales the mighty flood and
plants their origin in the garden
of Eden as the fountain-head
on earth, and God Himself as
the first Master builder, and the
reader will plainly see that there
is no broken link in the chain of
Masonry and leaves no shadow
of doubt of its beginning. So
leaving the point of their origin
for the present, we notice that
in the last scripture we quoted
from Joshua, the secrecy of Ma-
sonry was to be kept within the
bounds of their own Fraternal
Brotherhood.

God Himself taught them in
the 11-12 verses of the 23 ch. of
Joshua that it would be of great
harm to them to even mingle
with those Oddfellows, that was
in that part of the country.

But we find they did not obey
this injunction, for you will see
in the writing of David, that he
refers us to this point in this
language:

"They did not destroy the nations,
concerning whom the Lord commanded
them.

But were mingled among the breth-
ren, and learned their works.

And they served their idols: which
were a snare unto them.

Yes, they sacrificed their sons and
their daughters unto devils,

And shed innocent blood, even the
blood of their sons and of their daugh-
ters, whom they sacrificed unto the
idols of Canaan; and the land was pollu-
ted with blood.

Thus were they defiled with their own
works, and went whoring with their
own inventions.

Therefore was the wrath of the Lord
kindled against his people, inasmuch
that he abhorred his own inheritance.

And he gave them into the hand of
the heathen; and they that hated them
ruled over them.

Their enemies also oppressed them,
and they were brought into subjection
under their hand.

Many times did he deliver them; but
they provoked him with their counsel,
and were brought low for their iniquity.

Nevertheless he regarded their afflict-
ion, when he heard their cry.

And he remembered for them his
covenant, and repented according to
the multitude of his mercies.

As made them also to be pitied of
those that carried them captives.
(Psalms 106-34-43)

By the mingling of Masonry
with those people after God had
commanded them not too, is
what has made it so hard for
them to keep in mind by tradi-
tion the connecting links which
bind and did bind them togeth-
er. And where Masonry is

made to believe that the Egypt-
ians and other of those Oddfel-
low nations were of leading Ma-
sons. Yes it was because of Mason-
ry being captured by them, and
then they reaching from them
the arts, and being the ruling
power they claimed the Master-
ship. But it was never read but
usurped, so with this in view we
shall call the minds of our read-
ers to this point, that Joshua
the Master Mason is now dead
and the Fraternal Brotherhood
once more calls upon the Lord as
recorded in the book of Judges
1 ch. In this chapter you will,
to a great extent find the Field
Lodges represented, nearly as
they are spoken of in this lan-
guage:

"FIELD-LODGES. Also call-
ed "Army Lodges," "Traveling
Lodges," "Military Lodges."
These are Masonic bodies or-
ganized in armies, and which
move with them. They are em-
inently useful in relieving the
monotony of the soldier's life,
and mitigating the horrors of
war. In the war of the Ameri-
can Revolution they were found
in both of the belligerent armies,
and also in the civil war of 1861-5.

During the Bonaparte wars
they sustained and illustrated
the principles of Freemasonry
in the allied and French armies."
(HISTORY and CYCLOPEDIA of
FREEMASONRY by MACOY OLIV-
ER Page 145-)

The Curtain Falls.

(To Be Continued)

Wellington, Kans.

By Paw's Pet.

Editor Cresset.

If you will please allow me a
small space in your valuable little
paper I will try and write you a
few items from the Southern Cen-
tral part of Kansas.

Wheat Harvesting is the order
of the day.

Mr. M. J. Lusk purchased a new
McCormick Binder last week.

A young man and two ladies
while out driving last Friday eve-
ning, their horse became frighten-
ed and kicked them from the bug-
gy. They were not injured in any
way but the buggy was badly
wrecked.

Quite a number of hobos are
seen loafing about the Streets
hunting work but the most of them
are looking for the back door to
get a handout.

There was a hard wind and rain
Sunday evening which done con-
siderable damage to the wheat.

A horse runaway in town Satur-
day throwing a lady and her son
from the buggy which up set and
dragged the boy about two blocks
bruising him very badly but do
not think he is seriously injured
but almost Scared the lady into
Hysterics no farther harm was
done.

As news is scarce and "Paw's
Pet" is not very well acquainted
in this part will quit hoping to
see this in print.

WASHINGTON LETTER

(From Our Regular Correspondent)

There has been discovered what
looks like a serious attempt at fraud
on the part of American consuls in
China, who have been freely endors-
ing false certificates intended for the
evasion of the Chinese exclusion law.
While the law excludes all laborers,
it permits the admission of "mer-
chants" meaning those who have en-
gaged in trade in China. When such
a merchant desires to come to the
United States he secures from the
local authority a certificate showing
that he has been a merchant. This
certificate is then taken to the United
States consul and the report is that
consuls have been endorsing these
certificates for a consideration and
regardless of their accuracy.

Notwithstanding the great a-
mount of travelling he has been
doing lately the President has
been away from Washington
twice within the past week.

On Monday he went over to Balti-
more, but 45 minutes ride from
Washington, where he attended
the Saengerfest. As was to have
been expected his reception was
extremely enthusiastic and he
made a felicitous speech praising
the character and work of the
Germans who have come to the
United States to make it their
home. On Tuesday, the President
went to Charlottesville, Virginia
to attend the commencement ex-
ercises of the university of Virgin-
ia these are the only trips the
President will make before his de-
parture for Oyster Bay, for which
point he leaves on June 27. There
he expects to secure two months
absolute rest and will issue his
usual request that no one call upon
him on other than imperative busi-
ness. The Roosevelt's children
have already left for Oyster Bay
and the President and Mrs.
Roosevelt are the sole occupants
of the White House, Miss, Roose-
velt having gone to Massachusetts
to visit her grandmother.

Great satisfaction is felt by the
Administration at prospect of
ratification of the Treaty which
is now being negotiated between
the United States and China. But
one point remains for settlement,
that being the provision for the
opening to the American trade
of certain ports in Manchuria. When
this treaty has been ratified it will
confirm for all time the open door to
the American trade in China and it
is now predicted that it will be rati-
fied in time to present to the Senate
in December. The United States
has agreed to a slight increase in the
tariff on American goods but it has
been provided that the duties collect-
ed shall go direct to the Govern-
ment at Peking, instead of being
divided up among a lot of thieving
underling as has here to fore been
the case. In return for the slight-
ly increased tariff, however, this
country obtain many concessions
in the treatment of its citizens on
Chinese soil.